



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR is for extending the use of the approved information collection assigned OMB control number 0990-0308, which expires on June 30, 2013. Prior to submitting that ICR to OMB, OS seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on the ICR must be received on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov or by calling (202) 690-6162.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information Collection Clearance staff, Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov or (202) 690-6162.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the document identifier HHS-OS-18280-60D for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: The Effect of Reducing Falls on Acute and Long-Term Care Expenses

Abstract: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) within the HHS Office of Secretary is conducting a demonstration and evaluation of a multi-factorial fall prevention program to measure its impact on health outcomes for the elderly as well as acute and long-term care use and cost. The study is being conducted among a sample of individuals with private long-term care insurance who are age 75 and over using a multi-tiered random experimental research design to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed fall prevention intervention program. The project began in Spring 2008 and is expected to be completed in December 2014.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: The project will provide information to advance Departmental goals of reducing injury and improving the use of preventive services to positively impact Medicare use and spending.

Likely Respondents: Adults age 75 or older.

Burden Statement: Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions, to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information, and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized Burden - Hours

Form Name	Type of Respondent	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Initial Telephone Screen	Active Control Group (ACG)/ Experimental Group (EG)	835	1	20 minutes	278 hours
In-person interview	EG	435	1	1.25 hours	544 hours
Jump start phone call	EG	435	1	30 minutes	218 hours
Quarterly phone calls	ACG/EG	835	4	10 minutes	556 hours
Final Telephone Screen	ACG/EG	167	1	20 minutes	56 hours
Final In-person interview	EG	167	1	1.25 hours	209 hours
Total					1861

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OS specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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